GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Financial Assistance to Sri Lanka
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of monetary assistance provided by India to Sri Lanka including loans extended and financial grants provided during the last three years;

(b) the amount of financial assistance provided by India to Sri Lanka for the rehabilitation of war-affected people in the country during the last five years;

(c) the present condition of war affected displaced Tamil people in Sri Lanka and whether all the displaced and affected people have been resettled and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the further steps being taken by the Government to rehabilitate and resettle the war affected Tamil people of Sri Lanka?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) Government, in consultation with the Government of Sri Lanka, has been undertaking a large number of development projects in Sri Lanka, with a particular focus on assisting the rehabilitation and resettlement of the conflict affected and internally displaced people in the Northern and Eastern Provinces. Indian assisted projects include both grant projects as well as concessionally financed ones. India's total development portfolio now exceeds US$ 2.6 billion, of which the grant component is more than US$ 436 million.

The flagship grant project is the US$ 270 million Indian Housing Project for constructing 46,000 houses in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka, which are nearly complete, and 4000 houses in the Central and Uva Provinces. Other grant projects include upgrading of educational institutions, reconstruction of schools, supply of medical equipment and construction of hospitals, reviving local economies, livelihood creation, improving transportation, power and water supply, improving sports infrastructure, supporting trilingual initiatives, and creation of social infrastructure, among others. India has also committed concessional loans amounting to more than US$ 2 billion, the most important of which has been in the railways sector for reconnecting northern Sri Lanka with the rest of the country, and for acquiring rolling stock.

During the last 3 years, India has committed more than US$ 700 million as grants and concessional finance. India will continue to undertake development projects in Sri Lanka as required, and in consultation with the Government of Sri Lanka.

As per the figures released by the Government of Sri Lanka, more than 880,000 Internally Displaced People have been resettled in the Northern and Eastern Provinces, as of end-August 2016, with around 43,600 people left to be resettled.

India will continue to be supportive of the resettlement process.